

Southwest Operations Committee Meeting

January 8, 2008, Albuquerque

UPCOMING Operations Committee Meeting Dates:

Future Meetings:

April 01 ,2008

Conference Call (10:00 A.M NM Time)

Oct/Nov Pending SWCG

Parallel meeting with SWCG/IC AAR Springerville

January 8, 2008

Attendance: Operations Committee Team Members – Richard Nieto (chairs USFS), Dave Behrens for Kevin Boness (AZ State), Duane Tewa for Jason Greenlee (BIA), Kenan Jaycox (SWCC), Mark Kaib (USFWS), Eugene Pino (NM State Forestry), Dave Bott (NM BLM) , Andy Bundshuh (NPS)
SWCG Liaison: Hector Madrid.

Non Attendance Due to other commitments: Jason Greenlee, Donald Griego Kevin Boness, Helen Graham

Guest: Bea Day, Steve Wallace for (Engine Academy FYI)

Guest: Dewey Rebbe and Darin Fisher (IHC Committee Charter and Info Sharing)

Guest: Guy Wilson (Interagency Engine Committee Discussion)

Guest: Dennis Zentz (BIA Engine Group)

Notes: Rich Nieto

AGENCY ROUND/ROBIN:

Dave Bott (NM BLM)

BLM-Equipment Committee switching to Fords due to grass fire due to fuel injection inhibitors issues. Contact Dave if you need more information. Discussed ATV/UTV totally self-contained 10-100 gallon drip torch system. Contact www.burnerfire.com or 337-237-4547 available thru GSA contracts.

Working on Light/Bar Siren Policy, working on exemption for vehicles due to emission standards.

Eugene Pino (NM State Forestry)

Heavy reliance on Fire departments and VFD for initial attack. Plan more 130/190 classes for 2008, State has ordered (3) engines for 2008. State Engines do not run code 3 at present.

Duane Tewa / Dennis Zents (BIA)

Duane will sit in for Cal Pino who is on detail. BIA/SW dealing with many vacant FMO/AFMO/Engine Module Supervisor leadership positions. National Study on BIA IHC Crews may not have (2) hot shot crews in the southwest final decision to be made 02/01/08. Contact Duane or Cal Pino for specifics.

Mark Kaib (USFWS)

Discussed R/O in transition for new director, expect more participation with hurricane activity in Gulf States working with IHC committee on charter will discuss later.

Dave Behrens (AZ.Dept of Lands State)

Rely on FD and VFD for fire protection with over a 1000 engines sponsored with the state with state carding of engines. Three engines sponsored by the state, (15) inmate crews, State Sponsored type 2 team, have requested type one crew status for (2) crews Granite Mtn and NW Crew.

ACTION ITEMS FOR SW OPS COMMITTEE 01/08/08:

USFS ENGINE ACADEMY

SWCG request to have interagency participation on engine academy:

Bea Day USFS engine academy program lead discussed the program history and background. Rigid schedule current 2008 numbers are for 40 students as target. Heavy teacher/student participation with one/one ration of cadre/students. Current cost is \$185,000 with cadre and students donating time after hours given the academy rigid schedule academy last two weeks. Estimate number of donated hours for cadre instructors is estimated about \$100,000 donated hours. Academy has to be held no later than Mid-March due to fire season. For 2008 Facility was located in Glendale AZ at a cost of \$25,000 for three weeks use. Any Questions on academy contact Bea Day. . Discussed Bea participation in working with interagency engine committee to explore cost per student and facility location i.e. Permian Basin Training Center in Carlsbad NM look into site visit to see if this maybe a viable site strictly exploratory and based on engine committee review and staff work. Look at options to make academy an “interagency” endeavor. Would need to work out some of the fiscal aspects. First cut will be for Engine academy group to strengthen a relationship with the SW Engine Sub-Committee. More to follow on this given the SW engine sub-committee is getting started with interagency members due to Rich Nieto by 02/08/08. Rich will then send to Guy Wilson (engine subcommittee chair) in order to get group tasking on academy work group.Stay Tuned)

IHC & Type 1 Crews Charter and Darin Fisher/Dewey Rebbe Report

Ops group chair Richard Nieto reported on some issues from the Southwest T1 Crew .Reviewed IHC Steering Committee charter for final charter review. Rich will send the charter to Darin for Final edit for bob lineback signature. Rich hopes to have back by next week 01/20/08. Contact Mark Kaib IHC Liaison who will carry back to the IHC group. Darin /Dewey expressed how the SW IHC steering committee will interface with the SW Operations Committee and SWCG. No word yet on issue to push forward with creating an IHC typing category separate from Type 1; SWCG agreed and Bob Lineback will carry to NMAC in January. IHC steering committee is available to assist for newly formed crews who are in need of assistance for type one rating. Rich provided Dave Behrens the IHC Guide as the template used by the committee and supported by SWCG. Dewey Rebbee discussed concern with fire hiring with HCM USFS in 2007 and concerned this will occur again in 2008.

NORTHWEST FIRE & GRANITE MTN TYPE 1 CREW PROPOSAL /AZ

Dave Behrens discussed proposal for Northwest Fire to AZ State for upgrade in status from T-2 IA to Type 1 trainee crew. SWCC will work with Arizona Dispatch Center for dispatching them as Type 1 in 2008. Ops Group/T1 crew subcommittee will assist in mentoring and advising. Dave Behrens was given copy of IHC guide for dispersal and review for Granite and Northwest Crews.

OTHER COMMITTEE UPDATES

ENGINE/WATER TENDER CONTRACTS (Rich Nieto)

Region 3 USFS is currently using the competitive solicitation process for signing up Engine and Water Tender vendors, inspecting per NM/AZ/DOT and NWCG FIRE Equipment standards. This process tightens up some safety/liability issues and provides a “best value” approach. Inspections conducted in Late October and November. Pre-awards will be issued in Late January or Mid February. Rich Nieto and Contract Officer will present to Dispatch Zones in Sedona given they will be hosting and inputting these resources in the VIPR system as “priority” units for dispatch. System is still evolving.

Rich Nieto (USFS)

Discussed background work on IMT 1,2 management by SWCG and purpose of group for interagency representation team selection. Work with teams to assist in less reliance on AD and provide more agency employees to meet critical shortage position. Group reviewed operations Committee charter and made edits. Rich Will finalize for group dispersal by 01/23/08.

IMT TEAM SELECTION PROCESS (Rich/Hector)

Discussion, on type 1, 2 team selections, and nomination process tomorrow. Handout given to operations committee members. See AAR notes for lesson learned from selection process held on 01/09/08.

- Proposal for 2009 Send Nomination direct to Agency Reps Recruitment begins Early in 2008.
- Selections made on January 9, 2008.
- 01/15/2008 Midnight New Team’s take over.

SW Operations Committee Action Items – 01/08/08

Topic	Action needed	Responsibility	Date
Reorganized Ops Group	Continue to build Ops Group w. emphasis areas: T1 Crew Sub-Committee, SW Engine Committee, Type 2 Crew Committee. Have Operations Committee meeting Review	Hector, Donald G., Rich N., Mark Kaib	Completed Nieto/Madrid/Kaib/Griego
SW/OPS Committee Charters (IHC) (ENG). (Type 2)	All committee liaisons and agency Ops Reps need to check SWCC committee website to see if their assigned charters, memberships are up to date.	All Agency SW Ops Committee Reps and Liasons/Chair	Ongoing
SW Engine Academy	Make it more interagency; consider how can train more folks from more agencies in future as their seems to be the need.	Rich N., Helen G Guy Wilson/Bea Day	Winter 08
Site Visit Engine Academy	Permian Basin Trng Center (Carlsbad NM)cain	Bea Day/Guy Wilson/ Helen Graham	Winter 08

